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The Honorable Charles R. Breyer  
United States District Judge  
Northern District of California  
450 Golden Gate Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**RE: *United States v. Linda Ashiegbu*, CR 07-0654 CRB**

Your Honor:

The *Ashiegbu* matter is currently scheduled before the Court tomorrow, July 8th, for an evidentiary hearing on Mrs. Ashiegbu's motion to suppress statements made to an ICE agent.

I hereby withdraw that motion on behalf of Ms. Ashiegbu, and ask that the evidentiary hearing be taken off of the Court's calendar. My client and I both understand that by withdrawing this *Miranda* motion we surrender this pretrial challenge and the defendant's right to an evidentiary hearing on the issue. Mrs. Ashiegbu and I represent that it is our intent to permanently withdraw the motion, and further represent that it will not be re-filed.

All of the parties in the two related matters have reached tentative pretrial dispositions. I would ask that the parties be allowed to appear before your Honor tomorrow, July 8th, at 9:00 a.m. for a status hearing. At that appearance I will be asking for a date before the Court for Ms. Ashiegbu's entry of a plea of guilt. If Mrs. Ashiegbu does not enter a guilty plea on the date requested, the government will be seeking trial dates. I anticipate that, should Mrs. Ashiegbu's case resolve in a plea of guilt, Mr. Ashiegbu's case will also have a resolution on the same date.

I have called and spoken with AUSA Danner, explained that I am withdrawing the motion, and proposed the status hearing tomorrow that I described above. She is in agreement.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to appearing before the Court tomorrow morning. Should you have any questions, please feel free to ask Ms. Espinoza to contact me at 415.436.7711.

Sincerely,

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